

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2161

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST**  
**FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 30, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.